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Candy in Fancy Boxes and Baskets
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Toilet Sets, Military Brushes
Shaving Sets
Perfumes and Toilet Water
Bibles and Testaments
Candy, fancy boxes or bulk

Fountain Pens, Jewel Boxes, Gold Clocks, Books

Games of All Kinds Our section devoted to games will interest you. There are many new ones this year you have not yet seen. Among them are the Pastime Puzzles, viz: "Farmer Lassic," "Song of the Lark," "Dorothea," "Cattle in Harness," "Cats-Auto," "Cat-town Market," "The Mother," "Sheep," "Dutch Girl," "Kittens Wedding."

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted me in so many ways during the sickness and death of my husband Mrs. Wilfred Webb

See Mrs. Gaffney before you buy that Christmas gift.

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The Record Gives ALL The News

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Edna Kirby is on the sick list this week.

Smoke the Alma Straight Five and be happy.

Mrs. Ezra Smith called on friends in Ithaca Tuesday.

Mrs. E. C. Crandell called on friends at Ithaca Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Louise Hood was the guest of Mrs. Ed Hannah of Ithaca Tuesday.

Mesdames L. Kehn and Wm. Demuth were callers in Saginaw Wednesday.

Lester Thomas transacted business in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ronald are the parents of a bouncing baby boy.

Miss Mary Moniae of Ithaca, spent Saturday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Howard McMackin of Jerseyville visited Mrs. Barton December 1.

Mrs. J. E. Ellis attended the wedding of Miss Belle Noble at Saginaw Wednesday.

M. E. Heath and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brown the first of the week.

Mrs. A. H. Swisher of Saginaw was the guest of friends in this city the first of the week.

The Woman's club will meet Monday afternoon, December 13, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Bahlke.

Ely Brewbaker has been absent from the bank a few days this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. A. J. Hall left Tuesday morning for Charlotte, where she was called by the death of an aunt.

E. Loomis of Seville township and Decatur Coleman of this city are business callers at Battle Creek today.

Mrs. E. L. Wells and baby Theodore of Lansing, spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Frances Ray of this city.

After several days spent with friends and relatives in this city, Will Caple returned to his home in Canandaigua, New York.

Fred Stevens of Breckenridge and E. Partee of this city, were business callers in the state of Indiana the latter part of last week.

Father Mulvey returned Friday from Lachine, Canada, where he went to accompany the remains of Father Hayden to that city for burial.

Mrs. Manda Minne returned to her home at Port Huron Wednesday, after a two weeks visit at the home of C. M. Warner, near Elm Hall.

Patronize home industry and buy your husband, brother or sweetheart a box of Alma Straights. Sold by all dealers and made by J. C. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilcox, who have been the guests of relatives in this city for the past week, returned to their home at Breckenridge Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith returned to their home at Ovid after one week's visit at the home of C. J. Barnes and wife of this city.

Mrs. Matilda Armathage and son, Jay, who have been the guests of relatives in this vicinity for the past few weeks, left Monday for their home at Attica, Ohio.

S. W. Peck and wife attended the State Grange association held at Lansing the 7th and 8th of this month. Mr. Peck went as delegate for the Arcadia Farmer's Club.

Miss Laura Hasselach of Cincinnati, Ohio arrived in this city Wednesday evening and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Crandell, for a few weeks.

James Bamforth, an old time stock feeder from Ionia, has recently purchased of Messrs. Bert Gee and George Pool 650 lambs. Messrs. Gee and Pool have already shipped one car load and expect to finish their contract this week.

The Civic Improvement League wishes through the columns of the Record to express its thanks and appreciation to Albert Jacobs for making, presenting and placing the beautiful sign for the free reading room. Also to the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. for furnishing the lumber from which this sign was made.

The Royal Neighbors met with Mrs. C. A. DePlanta, Saturday evening, it being her birthday. The evening was spent in music and games, after which refreshments were served. Before leaving they presented her with a beautiful salad dish and other presents. An enjoyable time was reported.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church held their annual election of officers Dec. 1, in the pastor's study at the church, with the election as follows: Pres.—Mrs. Chester Walker Sr. First Vice President—Mrs. Ben Walker. Second Vice President—Mrs. Fred Acmebury. Sec.—Mrs. Eunice Thorne. Ass't. Sec.—Mrs. Chas. Pettyjohn. Treas.—Mrs. L. C. Wright. Ass't Treas.—Mrs. F. E. West.

H. Cook and Chas. Beener from North Hartland, N. Y., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barton a part of last week. C. Beener owned a farm north-west of the city some 25 years ago, which he sold in 1890, going to the state of New York. He thought Alma very much improved, being at the present time a fine neat business city.

H. W. Sandell was a business caller at Forest Hill Friday.

J. S. Caple transacted business in Clare Friday.

Christmas will not be complete without a box of Alma Straights.

Mrs. L. Hutchinson spent Monday with her parents at Ithaca.

Henry McNamara is attending the stock show at Chicago this week.

Miss Lizzie Carter spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Ashley.

Make your husband a present of a box of Alma Straights.

Mrs. U. G. Byder spent Monday with relatives at Shepherd.

Misses Edna Watson and Gladys Nelson of Ithaca, called on friends in this city.

Harry Leonard of Flint, spent Saturday with his parents, F. A. Leonard and wife of this city.

Miss Anna Seaford, employee of the Union Telephone Co., spent Sunday with her parents at Durand.

Mrs. Grace Ward and children of Edmore spent Sunday with her parents John Gates and wife.

C. G. Martin of St. Louis, left Monday for Ann Arbor at which place he will undergo an operation.

Mrs. John Coon of Greenville, spent last week at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harvey Carter.

Miss Florence Valder of Beech Park, Ohio, was the guest of George Titus and wife of this vicinity.

Frank Hurst was a business caller at Cadillac and Ludington the latter part of last week and first of this.

Mrs. O. S. Shephard and daughter, Miss Juno, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. A. Fowler spent the latter part of the week with her sister, Mrs. A. Ankney, of Clare.

Mrs. Wm. Peck of Elsie spent the latter part of last week and the first of this with her father, Wm. Kyes.

Mrs. Bert Bangs of North Star, spent last week at the home of her parents, Mr. Holtsberry and wife.

Mrs. Tucker and daughter of Ovid, spent Monday with her husband, L. E. Tucker of this city.

Mrs. W. B. Hobbs of Minden City, was the guest of her daughter, Miss Ada, at the college a few days last week.

Miss Mabel Tew returned to her home at Battle Creek Monday, after two weeks visit at the home of her sister Mrs. Ray Cameron.

Mrs. E. Divine returned to her home at Holly Monday, after a two weeks visit at the home of her niece, Mrs. M. A. Holmes.

S. R. Stevens and wife of Ithaca spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Fred Elliott and family South of this city.

Church Notes.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in the Knights' of Pythias Hall. Wednesday evening service at 7:30. Reading room open Tuesday and Saturday afternoon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sermon by the pastor at 10 a. m., Sunday School at 11:30 a. m., Young people's meeting at 6 p. m., Evening services at 7 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Morning service at 10:00; Sunday School at 11:30; Epworth League and Class meeting at 6:00 p. m. Evening service at 7:00. Mid-week service at 7:00 Thursday evening in lecture room of church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 12. Morning prayer and litany at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 11:15. Evening prayer at 7 p. m. Strangers welcome. Divine services on Dec. 23 at 10 a. m. Chas. Ryan, Rector.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

St. Mary's, Alma—Low Mass and sermon at 8 o'clock a. m. Catechism at 9. Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 p. m. St. Louis—High Mass at 10:30 a. m.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

LOST—Sunday, a small fur collar. Finder please return to Miss Trapp.

WANTED—Man to work on dairy farm. House furnished. Good position to the right party. Inquire of Wm. Kimdson.

FARM WANTED—Want to exchange two new houses, with all modern improvements and nicely finished, for a farm. Inquire of P. W. Cresser, Alma.

FOR SALE—Cheap, one of Brock's heating drums, Enquire at Rhode's drug store.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. 708 State St. 1602-1f

WANTED—An assistant cook at Wright Hall. Enquire of Miss Albarton. 1603-12

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Not only is it economy to buy your staple cereals in sufficient quantities at economical prices, just the same as it is cheaper to buy flour by the barrel and butter by the crock, but in every Mother's Kit there is in addition to the saving in cash a special Fireless Cooker Certificate, equal to 18 coupons, which when added to the coupons from the packages in the kit enables you to secure a wonderful Fireless Cooker by merely adding 89 cents.

A Mother's Kit consists of 18 assorted packages of Mother's Cereals, packed in sanitary sealed packages, in which they are guaranteed to keep in perfect condition indefinitely.

8 Packages of Mother's Oats, standard size. 1 Package of Mother's Corn Flakes (toasted). 2 Packages of Mother's Yellow Corn Meal. 1 Package of Mother's Old-Fashioned Steel-Cut Oatmeal. 1 Package of Mother's White Corn Meal. 2 Packages of Mother's Granulated Hominy. 1 Package of Mother's Wheat Hearts. 2 Packages of Mother's Coarse Pearl Hominy.

This kit can be purchased at your grocer's by simply paying \$1.95. The grocer himself will either redeem your coupons and deliver the \$3.75 Fireless Cooker, or, if you so desire, send the coupons and 89 cents directly to us and we will ship the Cooker to you, express collect.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Crandell attended a birthday party given by Mrs. C. A. Crane of North Star Friday evening of last week.

Mr. M. D. Heckerman, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, S. E. Cowdry and wife, for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Chicago Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Huff left Saturday for a two weeks visit with relatives at Flushing, going from there to California where they will spend the winter.